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Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Commissioner's Report

* 624 Q.—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state with reference to Legislative Assembly Question No. 29 answered on 29th October 1957—

(*a*) whether the report has been received by the Government from the Commissioner for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Board; and

(*b*) if so, what the contents are?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Sri Ranganathaswamy Devasthanam of Srirangam in Tiruchirappalli district owns inam lands to the extent of 33·48 acres of wet and 30·23 acres of dry under T.D. No. 1664 in the village of Kanjankollai in South Arcot district and this temple is under the control of the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department.

Overbridge

* 625 Q.—Sri A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have received any grants from the Union Government for the construction of overbridges at level crossings in the City?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: No, Sir. The Government of India have however approved the grant of financial assistance to this Government by way of loans to meet the Road Authorities' share of cost of construction of overbridges or subways. In this connection this Government have forwarded a loan application for Rs. 7 lakhs in respect of McNicholls Road overbridge under construction near Chetpet Railway Station. The Planning Commission have since informed this Government that they have approved this scheme being financed in 1957–58 from the loan assistance from the Ministry of Finance.

Sri A. A. RASHEED: Is there any proposal to construct an overbridge connecting Periamet and Chintadripet?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, there is no such proposal. Regarding the other proposals for the construction of overbridges that are under consideration, I would like to have notice.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM: Are the Government aware of the fact that the railway level crossing at Kodambakkam which connects the 'Hollywood' of Madras is a very congested thoroughfare where not less than 25 cars pass per minute according to the statistics collected by the Police (Traffic) Department and if so, will they come forward to give first priority to the construction of an overbridge over that level-crossing after the construction of the overbridge in McNicholls Road? If they so come forward, may I know